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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-12, 15, 16 and 18-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/18/06 & 10/2/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-12 and 14-24 are pending in the instant application file.

Amendments

The amendment filed on June 1, 2010 has been acknowledged and has been entered into the instant application file.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (Claims 1-8, 14, and 17 (in part)) along with an election of species in the reply filed on May 6, 2010 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that no art was cited and that no search burden has been established. This is not found persuasive because it is not a requirement for art to be cited to break unity when the genus does not contain a special technical feature and search burden is not a consideration in a lack of unity requirement.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 9-12, 15, 16, and 18-24 are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner under 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The Applicant has made an election of species in the instant application. Since the species lack unity of invention, the search has been currently expanded to encompass the subgenus where a is 0, b is 1, c is 0, and M2 is a $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}$ complex.

Priority

The claim to priority as a 371 filing of PCT/AU04/01368 filed October 7, 2004, which claims benefit of AU 2003905512 filed October 7, 2003 is acknowledged in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 18, 2006 and October 2, 2008 have been considered by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The instant claims are drawn to compounds of the formula

$$[M^1-T^1]_a-[P^1-T^2-M^2]_b-[T^3-P^2]_c$$
 where each P is a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, each T is a linker group, and each M are metal coordination complexes. "a" can be 0 or 1, "b" can be 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, and "c" can be 0, 1, or 2, leading to a number of different permutations of compounds.

The specification describes the terms in general terms. From the definitions on pages 2-3 of the specification, P group can comprise any number of imidazole and pyrrole rings, be linked by any group that comprises an amide functionality, the T group can be any type of linker group such as a covalent bond, an alkyl group, a ring, a functional group, etc..., and the M group can be any metal complex as long as one metal complex is capable of interacting with a major groove or minor groove of a polynucleotide. The nature of the interaction can be broad and does not required that any effect other than interaction, such as cell death, be capable by the metal complex.

The specification only details species of the extremely broad genus where: a is 0, b is 1, c is 0, P contains 3 or 4 total imidazole and pyrrole rings combined which are tethered together by -C(O)-NH- groups with the -C(O) attached at the 2-position of a ring and the NH- attached at the 4-position of a ring, the T group is a lower alkyl group, and the M complex is either a platinum or ruthenium complex as shown in the species of claim 14.

The Applicant is reminded of the written description guidelines set out by the USPTO in MPEP 2163:

The written description requirement for a claimed genus may be satisfied through sufficient description of a representative number of species by actual reduction to practice (see i)(A), above), reduction to drawings (see i)(B), above), or by disclosure of relevant, identifying characteristics, i.e., structure or other physical and/or chemical properties, by functional characteristics coupled with a known or disclosed correlation between function and structure, or by a combination of such identifying characteristics, sufficient to show the applicant was in possession of the claimed genus (see i)(C), above). See *Eli Lilly*, 119 F.3d at 1568, 43 USPQ2d at 1406.

While the genus is described by a generic formula, the generic formula is not sufficiently detailed to show that the Applicant was in possession of the full scope of the claimed invention at the time of filing. Namely, that the definitions described above, while not being indefinite, are not sufficiently detailed in order to stand on their own as being adequately described. Therefore, the "representative number of species" standard is used to determine whether the claims are adequately described. MPEP 2163 goes on to describe what a "representative number of species" is:

What constitutes a "representative number" is an inverse function of the skill and knowledge in the art. Satisfactory disclosure of a "representative number" depends on whether one of skill in the art would recognize that the applicant was in possession of the necessary common attributes or features of the elements possessed by the members of the genus in view of the species disclosed. For inventions in an unpredictable art, adequate written description of a genus which embraces widely variant species cannot be achieved by disclosing only one species within the genus. See, e.g., *Eli Lilly*. Description of a representative number of species does not require the description to be of such specificity that it would provide individual support for each species that the genus embraces. For example, in the molecular biology arts, if an applicant disclosed an amino acid sequence, it would be unnecessary to provide an explicit disclosure of nucleic acid sequences that encoded the amino acid sequence. Since the genetic code is widely known, a disclosure of an amino acid sequence would provide sufficient information such that one would accept that an applicant was in possession of the full genus of nucleic acids encoding a given amino acid sequence, but not necessarily any particular species. Cf. *In re Bell*, 991 F.2d 781, 785, 26 USPQ2d 1529, 1532 (Fed. Cir. 1993) and *In re Baird*, 16 F.3d 380, 382, 29 USPQ2d 1550, 1552 (Fed. Cir. 1994). If a representative number of adequately described species are not disclosed for a genus, the claim to that genus must be rejected as lacking adequate written description under 35 U.S.C. 112, para. 1.

The species described in the specification do not cover the entire genus such that it is a representative sample of the genus as the species are close together in structure and only describe an extremely small portion of the claimed genus. Therefore,

the claims lack written description and are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Conclusion

Claims 1-7 and 17 are rejected. Claim 14 is objected to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R. Kosack whose telephone number is (571)272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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